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METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCING THE ROD

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Verification for the requested correction is indicated on the executed Assignment and Declaration filed July 6, 2006.

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ASSIGNMENT

(1) Whereas, I/we

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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

HORIZONTALLY CONTINUOUSLY CAST ROD OF ALUMINUM ALLOY AND METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCING THE ROD

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on

November 16, 2005 ; and

Whereas, SHOWA DENKO K.K.
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I/We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and I/we request the Director – U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the assignee.

I/We hereby authorize and request my/our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/550,270, filed September 23, 2005) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

Date: November 16, 2005

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Date: November 16, 2005

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Satoshi Fujii

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Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

特許出願宣言書及び委任状

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私は、以下に記名された発明者として、ここに下記の通り宣言する。

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私は、上記の補正書によって補正された特許請求範囲を含む上記明細書を検討し、且つ内容を理解していることをここに表明する。

私は、連邦規則法典第37編1.56に定義されている特許性について重要な情報を開示する義務があることを認める。

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Prior Foreign Applications

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<u>2003-086506</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>
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<u>2003-095544</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>
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(番号)	(国名)

私は、ここに、下記のいかなる米国仮特許出願についても、その米国法典第35編119条(e)項の利益を主張する。

<u>(Application No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit of Title 35, United States Code Section 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose any material information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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